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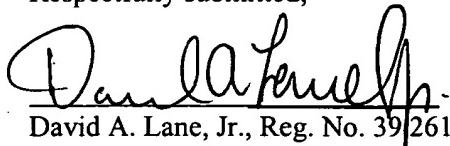
Sir:

In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action of December 22, 2005, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-5, and 7-20 for prosecution on the merits.

In addition, please provide any additional extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP5033USNP/DAL, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to please contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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